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July 1 Catfish Inventory

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Commercial catfish operations in Mississippi had 139 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2009, down 13 percent from the July 1, 2008, total. Of the total number of foodsize fish, 3.22 million were large foodsize (over 3 pounds per fish), 32.9 million medium foodsize (over 1½ to 3 pounds per fish), and 103 million were small foodsize fish (over ¾ to 1½ pounds per fish). There were 318 million stockers on hand July 1, 2009, down 22 percent from a year ago. Of the total number of stockers, 158 million were large (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1,000 fish) and 160 million were small (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1,000 fish). Operators had 741 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2009, down 14 percent from the 858 million on hand July 1, 2008.

All known catfish operators in the four states surveyed were contacted during the first half of July by mail, telephone and personal interview. Data from each operation were compared to their own past operating profile and to trends of similar operations. Data for missing operations were estimated based on similar operations or historical data.

Catfish Production: Water Surface Acre Usage, by State Surveyed, 2008-2009

State	Acres Intended for Utilization During July 1 – December 31					Acres Taken out of Production During Jan 1 – Jun 30
	Foodsize	Fingerlings	Broodfish	Currently Under or Scheduled for:		
				Renovation	New Construction	
	Acres					
2009						
Alabama	20,100	910	590	290	70	300
Arkansas	17,400	2,600	220	1,300	0	2,800
Louisiana ¹						
Mississippi	55,000	11,000	1,600	1,500	0	8,300
Total	92,500	14,510	2,410	3,090	70	11,400
2008 ²						
Alabama	21,200	530	280	850	20	660
Arkansas	21,900	4,000	660	380	*	2,800
Louisiana	5,000	440	0	115	*	770
Mississippi	65,800	13,300	1,600	1,700	50	7,600
Total	113,900	18,270	2,540	3,045	80	11,830

* Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

¹ Louisiana estimates discontinued in 2009.

² Revised.

Catfish: Inventory by Size Category and State Surveyed, July 1, 2008-2009

Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average	
	2008 ¹	2009	2008 ¹	2009	2008 ¹	2009
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds per Fish	
Large Foodsize						
Alabama	1,700	2,100	5,900	8,350	3.5	4.0
Arkansas	1,060	1,260	5,300	4,250	5.0	3.4
Louisiana ²	250		864		3.5	
Mississippi	3,600	3,220	12,900	11,700	3.6	3.6
Total	6,610	6,580	24,964	24,300	3.8	3.7
Medium Foodsize						
Alabama	22,000	15,400	44,100	30,900	2.0	2.0
Arkansas	10,900	11,000	23,100	20,800	2.1	1.9
Louisiana ²	1,790		3,400		1.9	
Mississippi	37,400	32,900	68,600	60,900	1.8	1.9
Total	72,090	59,300	139,200	112,600	1.9	1.9
Small Foodsize						
Alabama	35,300	43,200	35,400	47,000	1.0	1.1
Arkansas	35,500	28,700	33,900	29,000	1.0	1.0
Louisiana ²	6,090		6,100		1.0	
Mississippi	118,000	103,000	112,800	98,400	1.0	1.0
Total	194,890	174,900	188,200	174,400	1.0	1.0
Total Foodsize						
Alabama	59,000	60,700	85,400	86,250	1.4	1.4
Arkansas	47,460	40,960	62,300	54,050	1.3	1.3
Louisiana ²	8,130		10,364			
Mississippi	159,000	139,120	194,300	171,000	1.2	1.2
Total	273,590	240,780	352,364	311,300	1.3	1.3
Broodfish						
Alabama	60	59	260	266	4.3	4.5
Arkansas	105	40	509	191	4.8	4.8
Louisiana ²	0		0		0.0	
Mississippi	490	430	2,300	2,000	4.7	4.7
Total	655	529	3,069	2,457	4.7	4.6

¹ Revised.² Louisiana estimates discontinued in 2009.

Catfish: Inventory by Size Category and State Surveyed, July 1, 2008-2009—Cont

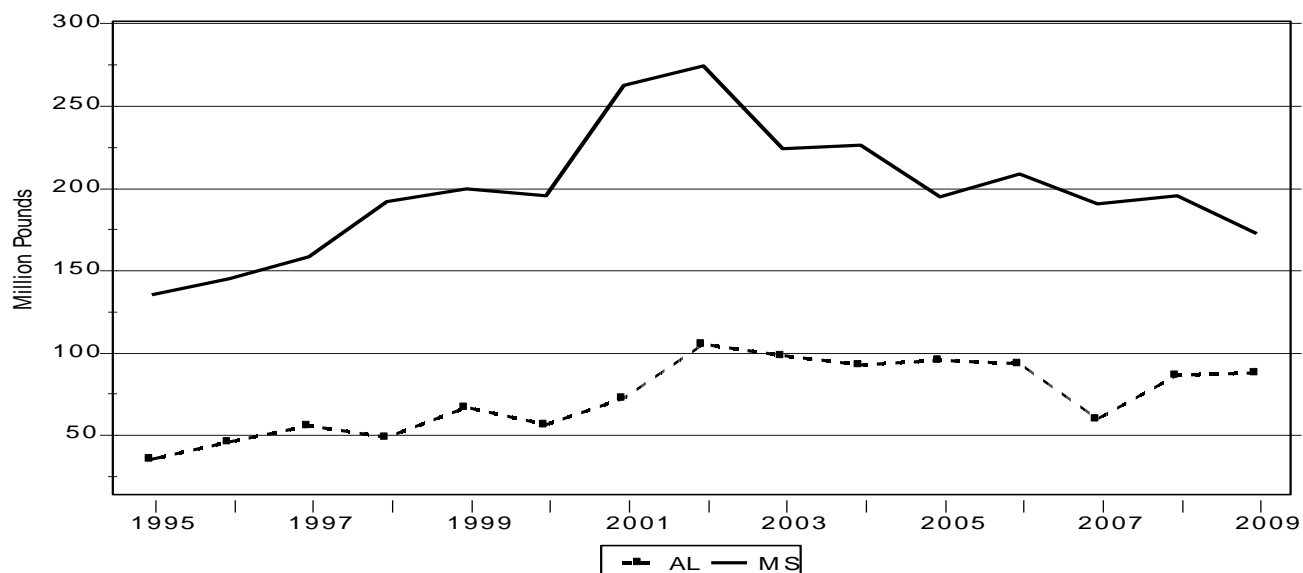
Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average	
	2008 ¹	2009	2008 ¹	2009	2008 ¹	2009
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds per 1,000 Fish	
Large Stockers						
Alabama	51,300	53,000	20,500	18,900	400	357
Arkansas	37,800	20,100	14,900	7,600	394	378
Louisiana ²	660		365		553	
Mississippi	204,000	158,000	79,100	63,800	388	404
Total	293,760	231,100	114,865	90,300	391	391
Small Stockers						
Alabama	39,700	34,100	4,300	3,550	108.0	104.0
Arkansas	40,800	21,800	4,550	2,400	112.0	110.0
Louisiana ²	3,910		572		146.0	
Mississippi	206,000	160,000	20,700	15,200	101.0	95.0
Total	290,410	215,900	30,122	21,150	103.7	98.0
Fingerlings and Fry						
Alabama	*	54,000	*	960	*	17.8
Arkansas	144,000	81,600	2,550	1,540	17.7	18.9
Louisiana ²	*		*		*	
Mississippi	858,000	741,000	14,800	12,000	17.2	16.2
Total	1,068,000	876,600	19,264	14,500	18.0	16.5

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Catfish: Foodsize Inventory, Alabama and Mississippi, July 1, 1995-2009



**Catfish: Number of Operations and Water Surface Acres Used for
Production, by State Surveyed, 2008-2009**

State	Number of Operations on July 1		Water Surface Acres Used for Production During July 1-December 31	
	2008 ¹	2009 ²	2008 ¹	2009
	Number		Acres	
Alabama	240		22,100	21,700
Arkansas	141		26,600	20,500
Louisiana ³	31		5,700	
Mississippi	407		83,200	70,000
Total	819	613	137,600	112,200

¹ Revised.

² State level number of operations will only be published every five years in conjunction with the Census of Agriculture.

³ Louisiana estimates discontinued in 2009.